from mile 10/7. This is maintained by the District Board and estimates are being prepared for the development of that road.''

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—'' சென்ற ஆண்டில் கனம் ரெவினியூ மந்திரி அவர்கள் இந்த 18-வது மைல், 4-வது பர்லாங்கு ரோடு வழியாக பிரயாணம் செய்திருக்கிறார். அந்த ரோடும் இருக்கிறது. மறுக்கவும் முடியாது. ஆகையால் இதற்குப் பிறகாவது அரசாங்கம் அந்த ரோட்டை சீர் திருத்தம் செய்யுமாறு கேட்டுக் கொள்ளுகிறேன்.''

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—'' If the hon. Member calls it a cart-track, I have no objection. That is not described as a road in our records.''

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—'' In order to dispel all misunderstandings, Sir, may I know whether the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue travelled through this road by bus or by car or by any other conveyance? ''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' Let the hon. Member put a separate question.''

Visit to jails by the Law Minister.

* 204 *Q.*—SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many jails he has visited since he became the Minister for Prisons; and

(*b*) what are the modifications suggested by him regarding the treatment of prisoners in those jails?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—'' (*a*) Eight Central Jails, the District Jail, Pudukkottai, the Presidency Jail for Women, Vellore, and the four Special Sub-jails in the State of Madras.

'' (*b*) The answer is in the negative.''

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI :—'' மந்திரி அவர்கள் தாம் பதவி எற்ற பிறகு எத்தனை தடவை ஜெயிலுக்கு போயிருக்கிறார். எத்தனை தடவை போவதாக இருக்கிறார் ?''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' We cannot anticipate how many times the Hon. Minister will go.'' (Laughter.)

Manufacture of liquor in the South Arcot district.

* 205 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state the quantity of arrack, liquor and other intoxicating drinks manufactured in the East India Distilleries, Limited, at Nellikuppam in South Arcot district, for the year 1952–53 and the quantity consumed in this State during that period?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—'' After the introduction of Prohibition throughout this State, no arrack or liquor is manufactured by the East India

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Distilleries and Sugar Factories, Limited, Nellikuppam. The quantities of commercial spirits (rectified or denatured spirit) manufactured in this distillery and sold by it for consumption in this State during 1952–53 were as follows:—

	Rectified spirit.	*Denatured spirit.*
Quantity manufactured ..	320,721 proof gallons	220,558·8 bulk gallons.
Quantity sold for consumption.	317,226·8 proof gallons.	194,558·8 bulk gallons. "

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN:—" Is it not a fact that not only in South Arcot but also in my own place, i.e., Villupuram illicit manufacture of arrack is going on on a large scale and will the Hon. Minister, who is bent upon boldly putting down such malpractices, pay special attention to my district? "

MR. SPEAKER:—" What has this to do with the main question? "

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN:—" The question is about South Arcot which is my district."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" Is there any connexion between the hon. Member being the representative there and illicit distillation? " (Laughter.)

SRI K. VINAYAKAM:—" Is it not a fact that sweet arrack manufactured by some distillery is being distributed to permit-holders in our State and if so, is not manufactured only in one distillery in our State, namely, Nellikuppam distillery? "

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM:—" No, Sir, it is not so."

Recognition of war service for promotion in the Police department.

* 206 *Q*.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the period of service in the war is taken into consideration in the cases of Sub-Inspectors, Sergeants and other persons of lower ranks, in Police service for promotion;

(*b*) if not, why; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that war service is recognized and taken into consideration for appointment and promotion as Gazetted Officers, and if so, what are the special reasons?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Merit and ability are the grounds on which promotions are made, seniority being taken into consideration where merit and ability are approximately equal.